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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, BF

SUBJECT: FISHING BOAT INCIDENT

REF NASSAU 1723 AND 1725

- 1. AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, ALL OF THE ACCUSED IN FISHING BOAT INCIDENT HAVE BEEN GRANTED BAIL, AND TRIAL IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 5.
- 2. POST IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT FUTURE, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF RECURRENCE OF SIMILAR INCIDENT, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE FURTHER, MORE SERIOUS VIOLENCE. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT FISHERMEN MAY ATTEMPT TO TEST BAHAMIAN RESOLVE BY RETURNING TO UNAUTHORIZED FISHING AREA. SOME BAHAMIANS THINK THIS WILL BE THE CASE, AND WE KNOW THAT GCOB IS PREPARED TO ASSERT ITS AUTHORITY AGAIN WITH FORCE, IF NECESSARY. POST URGES DEPARTMENT TO IMPRESS UPON FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS, COOPERATIVES, FISHING ASSOCIATIONS, ETC., THE IMPORTANCE OF TRYING TO CONVINCE FISHERMEN AND BOAT OWNERS THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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RETURNING AND CONTINUING TO FISH ILLEGALLY IN RESTRICTED AREAS IS NOT ONLY UNWISE BUT QUITE DANGEROUS.

3. SUPPORT OF U.S. COAST GUARD IN THIS CAMPAIGN MAY BE FEASIBLE.

. POST WILL WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AS WELL AS SUGGESTIONS REGARDING ANY ACTION WE SHOULD TAKE HERE LOCALLY. SCHWARTZ

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